

THE DECEMBER 2020 BRAIN TEASER & SOLUTION

Fun with Numbers

<u>Actual Brain Teaser</u>: The number 8,549,176,320 is a very unique number. What is so special about it? <u>Tie Breaker:</u> Find a number less than 200 that is increased by one-fifth of its value when its digits are reversed.

Solution

The best answer received was from Christian Diendorfer who properly stated that: 8,549,176,320 contains each digit from 0 to 9 and is integer divisible by all numbers from 1 to 9 (but of course not by 0).

However, the out-of-the box answer we were looking for was the fact that the digits, from 0-9 were ordered alphabetically (eg 'e' for eight, etc) left to right.

His tie breaker was exactly correct \rightarrow 45 + (45 * 1/5) = 54.